through the successful tenderer (Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur).

In 1115 books were not purchased at their face value. A margin was left for a reasonable discount on the face value of books.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The Rural Library Committee. No notification was made but catalogues and price lists were received from well-known publishing firms and book sellers.

CENTRAL AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL—APPOINTMENTS IN

207. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state the names of persons holding appointments in the Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur, their pay and the communities to which they belong? [Kindly note the appointments made in 1115 and 1116.]

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Vide lists placed on the Table.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* From the list placed on the Table, I find that out of the 49 appointments, a very large number, *viz.*, 33 goes to the caste Hindus and about 13, 14 or 15 go to the rest of the people, and in the appointments made in the year 1115 and 1116, there does not appear to be much difference in the view that has been taken by the department. I would request that hereafter, at least the Minister or whoever is responsible for the appointment will pay a greater attention to a fairer and more equitable distribution in the matter of appointments.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Only 4 appointments were made here of which one is a Christian, 2 are Ezhuvas and one a Warrier. I am responsible for the appointments. All the other appointments have been made by the Heads of Departments themselves. Circulars have been issued as far as possible to follow the rules laid down for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board. I shall see that it is enforced more rigorously.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Were there any applications from other people?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are all details. Perhaps there may be, or there may not be.

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